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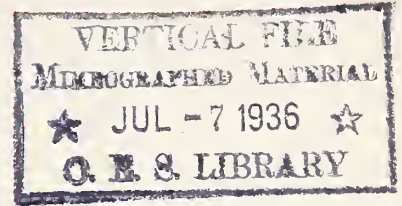




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BUILT-INS FOR THE  
LIVING ROOM AND HALL



If a living room is to fulfill its purpose for all the family it must provide amply for storing in orderly fashion all the indoor recreation and leisure-time equipment, from books to card games. Strangely enough, very few living rooms have a closet, and if there is one, it is generally needed for wraps. An ingenious home carpenter can remedy matters in several ways, however, and if the living room itself does not yield all the space needed, there may be parts of the entrance hall that might as well be taken for an extra set of shelves, a shallow closet, a telephone shelf, or some other convenience.

Here are some suggestions from \_\_\_\_\_:

Bookshelves may be built in the living room between windows, along walls, in odd spaces, out in the hall. Long, low bookshelves are decorative and the top surface provides places to set vases of flowers, interesting bowls or trays, lamps, candlesticks, or a small radio.

Such shelves may also be designed to take care of papers or magazines, sheet music, victrola records, games or toys. If the articles stored on the shelves look rather miscellaneous, draw curtains will conceal them from view.

Other useful hall or living-room shelves include a small shelf for the telephone; one for small victrola or radio; shelves for plants, which add much to the furnishing of the room. A broad folding shelf for



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use as a desk might prove very convenient in a room where space is at a premium. If lamps are used, small wall shelves, braced underneath, can be made in attractive shapes to set lamps on so as to concentrate light where illumination is most wanted.

Places to put things away make for order in the living room. In an old house it may not be possible to put a closet in the living room, but a cabinet in the hall might help. Every farm home needs some place to care for business papers or to write letters. A built-in desk with a flat top and drawers or shelves at each side would not be too ambitious an undertaking for a good home carpenter. When the living room does not provide a quiet corner for it, sometimes the space suggested before, at the end of the hall, could be used, and shelves for files and records built nearby.

Fireside benches or settles are not too difficult for anyone skillful with tools. Low window seats have always proved useful for storage and comfortable to sit on when fitted with padded cushions.

